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COMMONWEALTH NOTES.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)PARLIAMENT HOUSE.
MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

As a matter of privilege Mr. Watson drew the attention of the Speaker this afternoon to certain comments in a Melbourne paper respecting the proposed Tasmanian estimate. The committee he referred to, prior to presenting the estimates to the general election petition and as contempt of the Elections and Qualifications Committee, the Court committed to determine it. The Speaker said it rested with the committee to take action if it were brought into contempt, and to inform the Speaker of the House if it had not sufficient power to do that with the author. Sir Edward Bradfield, as chairman of the committee, promised that the complaint would be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the committee.

There were nine points on the notice-paper. In reply thereto Mr. Barton intimated that it is hopeless to be able to get that a single agreement would be entered into, so that the difficulties under which Victoria and Queensland laboured in regard to cattle rates would disappear. He gave some information regarding the position of affairs in relation to money postage between Great Britain and Australia, and also to the position of the postal rates of the Commonwealth. Mr. King informed the House, among other matters, that he had consented to the distribution of the balance still remaining of money provided by the Victorian Government as bonuses for the payment of wages and fruit trees, and for the production of wool and fibre, and for the export of fruit pulp and tobacco. The amount of money for distribution was £20,000.

The defence estimates came up for consideration in Committee of Supply. Sir John Forrest sought to draw attention by frankly admitting that his department, a specialist in the field of defence, was not a popular one. He had sufficient reason for the deluge of public popularity to wish that he associated with a highly popular department. He disclaimed any responsibility for the estimates now before the House. They were entirely the estimates of the States, he said, and he went on to state of the increase in the cost of the forces.

The Defence Department was taken over only on March 1. The elections took some time, then came the Royal visit, and finally, added the Minister naively, came Parliament. Members laughed heartily, and Sir John concluded his list of disturbing factors.

As a further point, he said, the Minister had been in office but had had a few months, and so far as was an Act of Parliament for the management of the military forces. He assumed members, that, with the exception of one or two junior officials drawing salaries under £100 an increase had been given.

General Hurton occupied a seat in the Speaker's gallery, and was an interested listener to the debate which followed. His effectiveness was considerably marred by the fact that more than three-quarters of the amount of the estimates had already been spent. Hardly a penny, therefore, could be touched for, as Sir John Forrest said, "it has all been spent." With the fact in view, he said, that the debate should take place on the general question of defence, and that the Government should endeavour to carry out the wishes of the House when framing next year's estimates, Sir E. Bradfield set the debate by moving that the first item be cut down by £1, with the understanding that if his motion was carried, the next estimates should be reduced by £20,000. Sir Edward declared against extreme militarism or extravagant expenditure. He was in favour of a voluntary service, and thought the volunteer system should be encouraged. Mr. Watson agreed with the principles of the bill, but said that it could not be maintained that the amount of increase of estimates was to large to be left to the discretion of the Minister.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 2 o'clock.

PETITION.

Mr. Home Cook (Vic.) presented a petition from John Robertson, of Essendon, with regard to gold coinage.

CABLE CHARGES.

The PREMIER told Mr. Cook (Vic.) that the Government could not afford to fall in with the suggestion to refund the losses to Victoria, any more than to the other states.

Mr. COOK (Vic.) said that the losses had been confined to the metropolitan area. He strongly held that if they were to have a true convention, let them be a general one, covering all the states, the cost of a convention of 200,000 people, which might be well for the men with the bush, but was not so good for other sections of the people.

Alderman Oakes, M.L.A., seconded the amendment, which was supported by Alderman Harold Morris, M.L.A., and Mr. J. L. Bowden.

Mr. Bowden supported the amendment.

Mr. J. O. Murphy moved as a further amendment that this motion is further of the opinion that the Federal Government should provide for a Parliamentarian franchise for voting for the convention, and further that every citizen should be entitled to stand for election, and that citizens should not be compelled to be a member of any party.

The motion was seconded by Mr. F. A. Winter.

Alderman Oakes supported the motion, and he had no objection to the amendment of Mr. Murphy.

The chairman put Mr. Murphy's amendment to the vote, and it was carried.

Mr. W. M. Hughes, M.P., moved that in furtherance of the previous resolution a deputation consisting of the Mayors and Aldermen of the city of Sydney, and of the towns and cities of the state willing to attend, wait upon the Premier to request him to carry out the steps expressed in the resolution. He said he would give any assistance to the members of the Convention, and he was glad to perceive any rough draft of various orders from the States concerned, but he could not accept any of them.

A CUSTOMS DEFINITION.

The MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS told Sir E. N. C. Brandon that second-hand cars, not of Australian origin, were liable to duty, unless they had been imported by the manufacturer.

The MURRAY WATERS CONFERENCE.

The PREMIER told Mr. G. Green (S.A.) that the Federal Government could not interfere with the arrangements of the Murray Waters Conference to be held in South Australia.

Mr. GREEN (S.A.) said that he had agreed to postpone any rough draft of various orders from the States concerned, but he could not accept any of them.

THE MURRAY RIVER TUNNELS.

The MINISTER FOR CUSTOMS told Mr. W. A. McLean (Vic.) that it was the desire of the Commonwealth that the tunnel should be built at the Victoria end.

Mr. McLean said that he had no objection to the amendment of Mr. Murphy.

Mr. COOK (Vic.) said that the motion was carried.

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THE PEARL SHELLING INDUSTRY.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. J. MITCHELL.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Mr. J. Mitchell, a mechanic closely connected with the pearl-shelling industry, who is on route from Thursday Island to Sydney, was interviewed by the Herald, and gave an account of his experiences with the labourers of the industry.

Mr. MITCHELL (continued) told Mr. J. L. Bowden that he had no objection to the amendment of Mr. Murphy.

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THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL. Establishment Bill was read the first time.

A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE.

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) drew attention to a notice in the *Argus* to the effect that the Argus was dealing with the question of the day, the Elephants and Quadrupeds Committee. He thought the matter should be dealt with by the House.

THE ESTIMATES.

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THE FEDERAL SITE TOUR.

ORANGE, Wednesday.

The Hon. Secretary of the Federal Capital Commission has met, and is about to leave for the Federal Home Affairs that at 50 miles will complete the party from the House of Representatives and others. They will leave Melbourne on Friday morning, and will be in Sydney on Saturday morning, reaching home at about 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

THE MINISTER OF THE COAST.

Mr. COOK (Vic.) said that the members of the House of Representatives will probably be a tip to the summit of Mount Canobolas, from where the whole of the proposed federal territory and any possible extensions can be viewed. There will be a

midday stop in the evening.

NORTH COAST RAILWAYS.

ULMARIA, Wednesday.

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